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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Duggan reports as follows:

	Week ended Dec. 17.	Week ended Dec. 24.
Persons inspected on trains. Persons held Pullman cars fumigated	0	266 0 7

Week ended December 17.—Bags of Pullman linen disinfected, 30; inspected on footbridge, 3,287 persons.

Week ended December 24.—Bags of Pullman linen disinfected, 29; inspected on footbridge, 3,586 persons.

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports as follows:

Week ended December 24, 1904: Inspection of Mexican Central passengers, 202; inspection of Mexican immigrants, 129; inspection of Japanese, 6; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 397 pieces; disinfection of clothing, bedding, blankets, etc., 15 bundles.

Inspection at Laredo, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, December 27, as follows:

Week ended December 24, 1904: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 16; persons on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 1060; immigrants on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 16; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 10; Pullman coaches disinfected, 14; private coaches disinfected, 2; number of pieces of soiled linen of Pullmans from Mexico disinfected, 7,799.

Inspection at Nogales, Ariz.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gustetter reports as follows: Week ended December 24, 1904: Passengers inspected, 177; immigrants inspected, 39; deported, 4.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States, yearly and monthly.

California—Oakland.—Month of November, 1904. Estimated population, 83,000. Total number of deaths, 88, including enteric fever 2, and 7 from tuberculosis.

The monthly report of the State board of health for the month of November, 1904, says:

Twenty-four reports, representing a population of 886,350, show a mortality of 1,120, or a death rate of 1.26 per thousand. In the public institutions, with a population of 8,740, there were 30 deaths—a rate of 3.43 per thousand.

Among the causes of death were: Tuberculosis, 167; heart disease, 137; pueumonia, 80; stomach, 76; cancer, 64; typhoid fever, 42; diarrhea and dysentery, 38; bronchitis, 13; alcoholism, 11; cerebro-spinal fever, 10; whooping cough, 9; cholera infantum, 9; diphtheria, 3; congestion of the lungs, 2; influenza, 2; erysipelas, 1; scarlatina, 1.

MARYLAND—Baltimore. Month of November, 1904. Estimated population, 541,000—white, 457,000; colored, 84,000. Total number of deaths, 793—white, 611; colored, 182—including diptheria 13, enteric fever 15, scarlet fever 8, and 105 from tuberculosis.

Massachusetts—Worcester. Month of October, 1904. Estimated population, 127,286. Total number of deaths, 171, including scarlet fever 2 and 18 from tuberculosis.

Month of November, 1904. Total number of deaths 168, including enteric fever 2 and 17 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended December 24, 1904, from 63 observers, show that smallpox, dysentery, and inflammation of brain were more than usually prevalent, and diarrhea, pneumonia, erysipelas, pleuritis, measles, remittent fever, whooping cough, puerperal fever, cholera morbus, meningitis, and cholera infantum were less than usually prevalent.

Meningitis was reported present at 3, whooping cough at 10, measles at 22, pneumonia at 33, diphtheria at 45, enteric fever at 49, smallpox at 52, scarlet fever at 63, and phthisis pulmonalis at 233 places.

NEW JERSEY—Paterson.—Month of November, 1904. Estimated population, 116,593. Total number of deaths, 152, including diphtheria 5, enteric fever 1, and 23 from tuberculosis.